

CHAPTER 1 SECTION 17.4

AUDIOLOGICAL SERVICES

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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II. DESCRIPTION

Treatment for impaired hearing that cannot be improved by medication or surgical therapy.

III. POLICY

A. **Basic Program.** Audiological services are covered only when necessary for the diagnosis of a medical or surgical condition.

B. **Program for Persons with Disabilities** (formerly known as Program for the Handicapped). Audiological services are covered when provided to a beneficiary determined to be eligible for benefits under the Program for Persons with Disabilities on the basis of a hearing impairment or of multiple disabilities, one of which involves a hearing disability.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Audiological services must be prescribed by a physician.

B. Audiological services may be paid without preauthorization if the beneficiary is subsequently determined to be eligible for the Program for Persons with Disabilities.

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